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Reminders:

- Holiday Dinner is Sat. Dec 6th!
- Pelikan Master contest and John Crown Spirit Award vote are this month
- We are still collecting funcs for shirts so we can place the order
- Swap meet in January - no show and tell

Theme of the month:

- This month: Pelikan Modelers best work

A LITTLE DIFFERENT KIND OF MEETING

Our meeting this month is going to be a little different from the normal meetings we have. Normal show and tell will be suspended and in its place will be the Pelikan Master Model Award contest. As we have stated, this is the time for everyone to bring in their very best work and popular vote will decide the winner. Ed Brut will be taking photos of our work and each person will say a bit about their entry like we do in normal show and tell. We will not be judging like we would for a contest, so don't worry about that. We will simply have everyone vote for the entry they think is the coolest. It should be a lot of fun and the winner will be awarded their trophy at the holiday dinner.

We are also voting for the John Crown club spirit award winner for this year. The person who receives the most votes will be awarded the trophy at the holiday dinner as well. If you have not signed up for the holiday dinner and you are able to come, please get your money to Ed Mayday at this meeting. The dinner is always a good time and this year should be even better with the presentation of these two awards.

At this meeting we will also be voting on a couple of IPMS items that the Region 11 coordinator wants to get our feed back on. Details about these items are covered in this edition of the newsletter. I don't anticipate a lot of discussion about these items, so we should get through this pretty quickly.

Last, but not least, we will have some extra nice items in the raffle for this meeting so bring some extra bucks for raffle tickets. We will very nice aircraft and armor kits that will be well worth spending a few bucks on for the raffle. You could be a winner!

Don't forget, January will be a swap meet meeting so we will not have show and tell in January. This will allow everyone a lot more time to wheel and deal and save the show and tell model from becoming casualties of the swap meet frenzy.

IPMS PROPOSALS

The Regional Coordinator for our region (Region 11) has put forth a few ideas which he would like us to vote on. These ideas are as follows:

The Region 11 contests should be held in only three different locations, which are Orlando, Titusville, and St. Petersburg. The idea is keep all the regional shows in the center of the state and have the three clubs trade off each year so they would each do a regional show every three years.

All regional shows would use a common medallion for their non-specialty awards at the regional shows and the cost of these medallions would be shared by the clubs that use them. The idea here is to keep the cost of trophies down by using one common (generic) medallion in stead of each club having to go out and purchase their own trophies for each regional show.

IPMS would like to each chapter vote on whether the IPMS National contest rules should be used for regional contests as well. The idea on this one is to keep the rules consistent at all the IPMS events.

We will have a vote on these items and I will relay the results of the vote back to the Regional Coordinator.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

OK, so I had some extra room in this newsletter. Like many of us, I have not had time to do much work on anything lately. The priorities of work, education, and family have taken away most of the time I would normally spend building models. In this situation, I kind of thought my interest in the hobby would fade a bit and I might become a little more distant from the club and my friends in the club, but I have found it is exactly the opposite. You see there are many people in the club who love building models, but more importantly, they like to get together with their friends. In this first year of being president of the club I have found that we are about building models, but the real heart of the club is about friendship. I think that is why our club is so strong and why even when you don't have time for the hobby, you make time for the club. With these thoughts, I would like to wish everyone safe and happy holidays. May you all find the time to spend with your families and friends, even if you can't find the time to spend with you models.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS PELIKANS!

CONCORD'S FINAL LANDING BY HANK KRAMER



The Concorde donated by BA (British Airways) to the Museum of Flight landed for the last time at Boeing Field yesterday (Wednesday).

The Concorde made a southbound pass overhead, made its turn to final somewhere out of sight and landed from south to north. It was a completely clear day so I assume photographers on the roof got some good shots of the plane with Mt. Rainier in the background.

After landing a comedy of errors ensued. The area in front of the crowd where the Concorde was supposed to taxi to was blocked off by an unopened gate, so the plane taxied on past it. After realizing the mistake it sat there for 15-20 minutes while air traffic control waited for traffic to thin out enough so that the Concorde could turn back onto the runway, taxi north past us and then back south again to the correct spot. Then a tug was hooked up and started towing the plane, but it tried to turn too tight and broke the linchpin on the towbar. Another 15-20 minute wait while they got that fixed. Then when it was finally positioned correctly it took a while to get the airstair properly aligned and placed. All in all it was probably an hour from the time that it actually touched down until they opened the door.

Unfortunately, the plane set a record for its flight from New York to Seattle. They got a flight corridor through Canada and were able to go supersonic and made it in about 3 hours and 55 minutes.

Why is this unfortunate? Because they came in and landed right away! No low-speed photo pass, no high-speed pass in afterburner, nothin'. Just the approach to the field and touchdown. That's all well and good for the pilot (a record in the books for him) and the passengers (all BA employees, got to go supersonic) but the 1000+ people on the ground came down to see it fly for the last time. There'll be plenty of time to look at it on the ground later 'cause once it's on the ground, that's it. I barely got to see it because I was busy taking pictures, thinking I'd get a good look on the next go around. P.S.—Hank sent many more great pictures, so let him know if want to see them!

DAVE'S MUSEUM REVIEW
SINSHEIM MUSEUM

The Duetsche Autoteknik Museum is one of the largest museum complexes in Europe. It's primary facility is located in Sinshiem Germany, with an additional facility in Speyer. It encompasses everything mobile and motorized, from early automobiles to the latest Porsche racers, from locomotive and buses to late model aviation. Of course, the most interesting is the collection of WW II military equipment, which will be covered in this report. I visited this facility in summer 1996 and again in summer 1999.

Wow! Where to start. The most interesting piece is the Sturmtiger (Sturmmorser), one of only two in existence (18 built), the other is Russia at Kubinka. This tank was recovered by US forces and brought to Aberdeen where it sat in the open for many years. Sometime in the 1980's, it was loaned to the West German Army and taken to the Bundeswehr technical school in Koblenz for rebuilding. At some point, it was moved to Sinsheim. What a piece.

There were so many neat items, I can only list them, with a note on a few of them. Just wait till you see the photos. These are on inside display.

Stug III aufs G	Sdkfz II flatbed for cargo
Phanom Ganet 1.5 ton truck with 3/20mm	Borgword truck
Towed 20mm Flak 38	Pzkw IV Mobilewagen with 37mm Flak
88mm (every museum must have one)	Kfz 2 Kublwagen
Horch 1500 light truck	Opel Blitz Ambulance
75mm PaK 40 AT gun	Steyr RSO tractor (early, camo)
Sdkfz 7 (with canvas)	Sdkfz 10 with twin MGs
Kfz 1 Kettenkrad	Marder II
Horch Ambulance	Bussing Nag 4.5 ton truck
Sdkfz 6 with 3 ton crane (rare)	150mm gun
Stug III aufs F2	Jagdpanther
Hummel	BMW 750 motorcycle
Sdkfz 7/1 with quad 20mm	Panther aufs G
Sdkfz 10	600mm searchlight
Kfz 2 Schwimwagen	Kfz 15 light car
Pzkw IV aufs G	Steyr RSO tractor (Late)
Horse drawn wagon	Kfz 1 Kettenkrad with cable laying equipment
4-door Ford car	Sdkfz 10
Sdkfz 7 (without canvas)	Pzkw 38t (Czech)
150mm howitzer (Czech)	3-ton Opel truck with late Einheits cab
Steyr RSO tractor (early grey)	Sdkfz 10
Kitchen wagon	Hetzer G-75(post war Czech built for Swiss
army...every museum has one)	
US M-2 command car	US 1.5 ton truck
Bren carrier	25 pdr gun
M4A1 Sherman	M4A3 Sherman
T-34/85	Camouflaged and partly armoured locomotive
(huge)	

SINSHEIM MUSEAM CONTINUED

Now, for the outside display, tanks only, aircraft later.

T-34/85	76mm gun (Russian)
105mm gun	M-32 recovery on Sherman chassis
M-32	M-29
M-47 Patton	M-24 Chaffe
M-26 Pershing	M-7 105mm SP howitzer
M-42 Duster	M-40 155mm SP gun
T-34/85	T-54
Russian armored car	BMP-1
SU-85	BTR-152
M-3 Stuart	240mm Russian field gun
Leopard I	

Wespe 105mm sp howitzer with a strange body. I need help Id'ing this one. It might have been built for a movie.

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